



ORANGE COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL

1996 Board Members:

Judge Eileen C. Moore
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Judge Eileen C. Moore
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ORANGE COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 1996

- Planned and Conducted Three County-wide Seminars on Domestic Violence
- Established on-call magistrates for the granting of Emergency Protective Orders, available by pager 24 hours a day, for use by police officers in the field.
- Improved communication between and among the various courts of the county regarding orders issued in cases involving Domestic Violence. Established a contact person in each court who can advise whether or not a given individual has any pending or completed Domestic Violence cases in that court and the status of the case.
- Explored surveying the different elements of the Family Violence Council to determine what kind of data would be helpful to them in fulfilling their respective duties.
- Established long term goal to collect and analyze a variety of information concerning domestic violence with a view to eventually computerizing the information in a form which would be readily accessible by all users.
- Explored constructing a law enforcement county-wide domestic violence database, potentially using an existing program (ProAct) as a pilot project.
- Developed and conducted two twelve-hour trainings on domestic violence for 730 Evidence Code Child Custody Evaluators with 24 faculty experts in domestic violence and 89 professionals in attendance.
- Orange County Family Violence Council became an approved provider for Mandatory Continuing Education for Psychologists (MCEP).
- Tracked 24 bills introduced in the California State Legislature relating to domestic violence.
- Tracked the Federal Anti-Stalking Bill, which ultimately became part of a military appropriations bill, signed into law on September 23, 1996.
- Prepared and distributed a memo to the four shelters in Orange County and to the Steering Committee, setting forth the steps and procedures a victim should take to preserve their claim for unemployment compensation in the event that they must leave work because of domestic violence.

Family Violence Council's Accomplishments (continued)

- Took an active role in the support of AB 2116 providing police officers a valuable tool when arresting domestic violence offenders.
- Studied and made recommendations regarding efforts to overturn the existing laws requiring mandatory reporting by health practitioners.
- Provided Emergency Protective Order pocket cards for approximately 2,000 Orange County Law Enforcement Officers, outlining the procedures to follow when responding to domestic violence calls and contacting the on-call EPO Judge.
- Redesigned the Domestic Violence Training Video to Accommodate Segmented Roll-Call Training for Police Officers.
- Created the First Orange County Family Violence Council Internet Homepage (www.oc.ca.gov/marshal/ocfvc), providing Internet distribution of important information and hot line numbers for victims of domestic violence.
- Provided Domestic Violence Training to law enforcement agencies.
- Emergency Response Teams have been established and are functioning at the following agencies:
 - Santa Ana Police Department
 - Fullerton Police Department
 - Irvine Police Department
 - Huntington Beach Police Department
- Representatives from the Shelter Services Committee appeared on The Leeza Show, Orange County Cable Television, and have been featured in various newspaper and magazine articles.
- Shelter Services Committee participated in the following projects: Preparation and Submission of Family Violence Demonstration Program RFP 96-05, Preparation of Family Violence Council Position of Mandatory Reporting for Health Care Professional, Preparation for Domestic Violence Court Officer's Workshop with Lenore Walker.
- Shelter Services Committee has continued to provide support for established Emergency Response Teams in our communities, resulting in the delivery of hundreds of intervention hours to victims of family violence.
- Implemented program to issue domestic violence emergency restraining orders at South Municipal Courts, increasing access to the courts for South Orange County residents.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1996 Members:

Vivian Clecak, Chair
Judith Bambas
Kristin Dondero Bennett
Donna Bevans
Mary Ann Bui
Kathryn Byrne
Diana Cheng
Diana DeVane
Marie Fennell
Marcia Fischer
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Jeanne Graham
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Julie Newcomb Hill
Joan McSunas
Suzanne McWayne
Carol Mathews
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Kaylyn Wallace
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Sharon Gerstein Wolf

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1996

Planned and Conducted Three County-wide Seminars on Domestic Violence (*Preventing Family Violence - Tools for Assessment and Intervention*)

The Community Education Committee planned and conducted three county-wide seminars on domestic violence in 1996. The committee met once a month with an average attendance of 15 participants. This has been a good experience for all involved and we believe that through the efforts of the committee many Orange County residents have learned more about domestic violence. We believe that we can best educate agencies and residents by offering low-cost seminars featuring noted experts in this field. Each member has gained from being part of a coalition of diverse agencies. We believe that the council and the community education committee are a worthwhile and effective enterprise. Following are descriptions of the three conferences:

PREVENTING FAMILY VIOLENCE: TOOLS FOR ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION

June 13, 1996

Held at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian

\$25

Continuing Education Units Available

This one-day seminar was planned by a committee of the community education committee and was sponsored by the University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine and supported by CalOPTIMA, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, and Blue Cross of California-Health Care Partnerships. The planning committee members were:

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| Judi Bambas, WTLC | Shirley Gellatly, Human Options |
| Judy Bethe, Hoag Hospital | Carol Mathews, CalOPTIMA |
| Diana Cheng, Interval House | Sue McWayne, Friendly Hills Health |
| Dianna DeVane, CalOPTIMA | Kristin Dondero Bennett, CalOPTIMA |
| Nancy Marquis-Rodriguez, Interval House | |
| Julianne Toohey MD, Dept. of OB/GYN, UCI. | |

The seminar was designed to provide the participant with the basics of identification and intervention, regarding child, spousal/partner, and elder abuse.

Community Education Committee Accomplishments (continued)

Key concepts addressed were:

- Behavioral indicators for the identification of abuse
- Physical assessment indicators of abuse
- Documentation and legal issues regarding abuse
- California State Law on mandatory reporting

Presenters were:

Judge Eileen C. Moore
Denise Frey
Jeanie Ming, STOP-GAP
Kelly Hubbell
Mary M. Watson
Jane Shade J.D.

The \$25 fee included program, syllabus, CEUs, breakfast and lunch. Fifty health care providers attended the seminar. The evaluation indicated that most attendees thought the seminar was excellent and said they would attend another.

**COURT
SYSTEMS
COMMITTEE**

1996 Members:

Judge Donna Crandall, Chair
Judge W. Michael Hayes
Judge Eileen C. Moore
Comm. Thomas Schulte
Diana Cheng
Richard Collender
Barbara Morison
Jane Shade
Jan Shaw
Fran Shiffman
Amy Silva

**COURT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN 1996**

The establishment of on-call magistrates for the granting of Emergency Protective Orders.

The initial project undertaken by the Court Systems Committee was the establishment of on-call magistrates for the granting of Emergency Protective Orders. In the year ending December 31, 1996, approximately 560 EPOs were issued, with requests coming from 24 to 25 police agencies within the county. The number of requests for EPOs is growing steadily, up from an average of 35 per month at the project's inception to an average of 65 per month for the last four months of 1996. The project will be continuing with judges and commissioners volunteering to be on-call for one 24-hour period each month.

Improved communication between and among the various courts of this county regarding orders issued in cases involving Domestic Violence.

In mid-1996, the committee set a new goal, which is to improve communication between and among the various courts of this county regarding orders issued in cases involving Domestic Violence. The formation of a Domestic Violence Court has been deferred for the time, with the focus now on establishing a contact person in each court who can advise whether or not a given individual has any pending or completed Domestic Violence cases in that court and, if so, what the status of the case is. Progress has been slow, but the necessary agencies have now come together and useful information is being exchanged. I am hopeful that we will continue to progress toward our goal in 1997.

DATA COMMITTEE

1996 Members:

Judge Don Smallwood, Chair
Shelby Brown
Albert Chu
Jack Light
Mary Malk
Jan Shaw
Amy Silva

DATA COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1996

Explored feasibility of surveying the different elements of the Family Violence Council to determine what kind of data would be helpful to them in fulfilling their respective duties.

Some of the early surveys done by the committee are still available and might be helpful to its current membership. One of the projects discussed was the possibility of surveying the different elements of the Family Violence Council to determine what kind of data would be helpful to them in fulfilling their respective duties.

Established long-term goal to collect and analyze a variety of information concerning domestic violence with a view to eventually computerizing the information in a form which would be readily accessible by all users.

We also believe the Data Committee should be working long term on a project to collect and analyze a variety of information concerning domestic violence with a view to eventually computerizing the information in a form which would be readily accessible by all users. Currently this information is being collected by individual entities such as the courts, the District Attorney's office, the various police agencies etc. and there is no overall collection point which could make the information available to any prospective user.

Exploring the feasibility of constructing a law enforcement county-wide domestic violence database, potentially using an existing program (ProAct) as a pilot project.

In late 1996, Investigator Lori Teves became Chair of the Data Committee and took up the charge of creating a county-wide database for domestic violence. A committee was formed to research the feasibility of creating such a database. The committee members are Inv. Lori Teves, Asst. Marshal Tom Twellman, Lt. Charles Alquist and Detective Ken Boyd. The committee has made progress on developing a proposal to use an existing database (ProAct) as an interim solution and pilot program. This proposal would create a database using ProAct's seven major law enforcement agencies, with an eye toward a county-wide database in the future.

**730 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

1996 Members:

Jan A. Shaw, Chair
Leslie Drozd, Ph.D.
Judy Haskell
Carol Mitchell
Gerri Olin, Ph.D.
Anne Rose
Fran Shiffman
Veta Stock
Binah Taylor
Nancy Taylor
Veronica Thomas, Ph.D.
Barbara Wright, Ph.D.

**730 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1996**

Developed and Conducted Two Twelve-hour Trainings on Domestic Violence for 730 Evidence Code Child Custody Evaluators (*Domestic Violence Education for 730 Evidence Code Appointees - Training for Mental Health Professionals*)

The Orange County Family Violence Council had recommended that all mental health professionals who conduct court ordered child custody investigations under the 730 Evidence Code receive twelve hours of training in domestic violence prior to appointment by the Court. This recommendation was approved by the Court, and incorporated into Orange County Superior Court Rule 703.

The 730 Domestic Violence Education Committee was appointed in September 1995 to develop the curriculum. In recognition of the diversity of perspectives on the issue of domestic violence, a collaborative focus was arranged to ensure that the psychological, sociological, women's advocacy and batterers' treatment viewpoints were represented. The committee met on the average every six weeks until the first draft of the curriculum was submitted to and approved by the Steering Committee of the Orange County Family Violence Council in April 1996. The curriculum was approved by the Orange County Family Violence Council in May 1996.

The implementation of the training began with selection of faculty. Invitations were sent to individuals known to have expertise in domestic violence. A Faculty Selection Committee reviewed applications and conducted individual interviews.

The first training was held July 26-27, 1996 at the Doubletree Hotel, Orange, California. The \$150.00 fee included the program, a comprehensive resource manual contained in a 3-ring binder, breakfast both days, refreshments, and parking. Eighty (80) professionals attended the seminar.

In the evaluation, 93% of the participants rated the program as "good or excellent." The participants rated the value of the information presented overwhelmingly as excellent to good.

730 Domestic Violence Education Committee Accomplishments (continued)

The program is designed to ensure that mental health professionals conducting evaluations for the Court have twelve hours of training in the detection, assessment, intervention and treatment of domestic violence. Some of the topics addressed are:

- Theoretical perspectives on domestic violence
- Select review of the research on child custody and domestic violence
- Identification, screening and risk assessment issues
- Alcohol, drugs and family violence
- Overview of the legal system and court process
- Weighing domestic violence issues in child custody cases

The Program Faculty members who donated their time and expertise to the training were:

Frank Acosta, Supervisor, Domestic Violence Services
Brenda Agren, Attorney, Certified Family Law Specialist
Judi Bambas, M.S., Women's Transitional Living Center
Vivian Clecak, L.C.S.W., M.F.C.C., Executive Director, Human Options
Leslie Drozd, Ph.D., Psychologist
LeRoy Eaton, Supervisor, Mediation and Investigative Services
The Honorable Sheila Fell, Orange County Superior Court
Marcia Fischer, Community Resources Coordinator, Supervising Probation Officer,
Probation Department
Don Lafoon, Executive Director, Stop Gap
Carol Mitchell, Senior Social Services Supervisor, Child Abuse Registry
Nancy Marquis Rodriguez, B.A., Shelter Services Director, Interval House
The Honorable Eileen C. Moore, Orange County Superior Court
Michael Naughton, Attorney, Certified Family Law Specialist
Marina Nichols, Supervisor, Mediation and Investigative Services
Anne M. Rose, M.S., Court Mediator, Mediation and Investigative Services
The Honorable Thomas H. Schulte, Orange County Superior Court
Jane Shade, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney
Fran Shiffman, M.S., Executive Director, Women's Transitional Living Center
The Honorable Donald E. Smallwood, Orange County Superior Court
Geraldine Butts Stahly, Ph.D., Associate Professor, CSU, San Bernardino
Veta Stock, M.S., Program Director, Laura's House
Binah Taylor, M.A., Children's Program Director, Human Options
Jan Tyler, M.S., Program Director, Human Options
Barbara Wright, Ph.D., Psychologist

The second training is scheduled for January 24, and January 25, 1997. Due to the waiting list of individuals wanting to fulfill the requirement set forth in the Court Rule, the option was offered to attend a video showing of the July 1996 training. The video showing was held November 19, and November 20, 1996 in the offices of Mediation and Investigative Services, Orange County Superior Court. Judge Eileen C. Moore gave a presentation on the legal system. The \$150.00 fee included the

program, the resource manual, and refreshments. Nine (9) mental health professionals attended the video option.

In October, Jan Shaw, Chair of the Committee, began the application process for the Orange County Family Violence Council to become approved as a provider for Mandatory Continuing Education for Psychologists (MCEP). The Orange County Family Violence Council was granted status as an approved provider November 22, 1996. The next step is to acquire approval for the course itself to be offered for continuing education for psychologists. Also, application as a provider for continuing education to licensed M.F.C.C.'s and L.C.S.W.'s will be pursued when the Board of Behavioral Sciences has developed their regulations.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

1996 Members:

Marilyn W. Mirano, Chair
Peggy Dolan
Maureen Lavin
Jack Light
Mary Malk
Kelly Miller
Asst. Marshal T. Twellman

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1996

Tracked 24 bills introduced in the California State Legislature relating to domestic violence, 11 of which were holdovers from the 1995 session.

The Committee tracked twenty four (24) bills introduced in the California State Legislature relating to domestic violence, eleven (11) of which were holdovers from the 1995 session.

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Prepared and distributed a memo to the four shelters in Orange County and to the Steering Committee, setting forth the steps and procedures a victim should take to preserve their claim for unemployment compensation in the event that they must leave work because of domestic violence.

In February, responding to an inquiry by fellow Council member, Vivian Clecak, the Legislative Committee investigated whether unemployment benefits were available to victims of domestic violence and, if not, whether Orange County should initiate some activity in that regard. This query arose because of legislation pending in New York, sponsored by N.Y. State Assemblyman, Daniel Feldman. Research, however, indicated that California does have legislation in place that can be utilized by victims of domestic violence, to wit: *California Unemployment Code, 1256*, which establishes a rebuttable presumption that a person discharged for reasons other than misconduct has not left employment voluntarily without a good cause. A Memorandum was prepared and distributed to the four shelters in Orange County and to the Steering Committee, setting forth the steps and procedures a victim should take to preserve their claim for unemployment compensation in the event that they must leave work because of domestic violence.

Took an active role in the support of AB 2116, which was eventually signed into law. This law provides police officers a valuable tool when arresting domestic violence offenders.

In May and June, the Legislative Committee took an active part in the support of AB 2116, introduced by Assembly Member Barbara Alby (D-Sacramento), which was originally drafted by Lt. Michael Stedman of the Fullerton, California, Police Department. Letters were written to members of the Senate Committee on Criminal Procedure and to the Governor in support of this piece of legislation. It is believed that the input provided by the Orange County Family Violence Council was effective in seeing this legislation made into law.

Brought to the Steering Committee's attention efforts to overturn the existing laws requiring mandatory reporting by health practitioners. A committee was appointed by Chairperson Judge Moore to further investigate this issue.

In June, the Legislative Committee also brought to the Steering Committee's attention efforts to overturn the existing laws requiring mandatory reporting by health practitioners. After contrary facts were provided by other members of the Steering Committee, pointing out the great benefits of the mandatory reporting laws to the victims of domestic violence, a committee was appointed by Chairperson Moore to further investigate this issue. The committee is chaired by Sgt. Eric Vedborg.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1996 Members:

Chief Manuel Ortega, Chair
Chief Dave Barr
Rusty Kennedy
Barbara Morison
Susan Perdue
Jane Shade
Fran Shiffman
Chief Bill Sterns
Asst. Marshal T. Twellman

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1996

Establishment of a 24-hour Emergency Protective Order pager program for police officers in the field to contact volunteer on-call judges.

In order to obtain an Emergency Protective Order (EPO), law enforcement officers may now call a judicial officer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Instead of having to contact the Detention Release Officer, law enforcement officers may now call a designated pager and input their call back number. A volunteer judicial officer will then call the officer back within several minutes. This program is the result of the efforts of Commissioner Thomas Schulte and Superior Court Judge Donald Smallwood.

Provided Emergency Protective Order pocket cards for approximately 2,000 Orange County Law Enforcement Officers, outlining the procedures to follow when responding to domestic violence calls and contacting the on-call EPO Judge.

A laminated pocket-size card for law enforcement officers was created. These cards synopsise the procedures for obtaining an Emergency Protective Order, along with providing all of the necessary telephone numbers. The back side of the card provides additional information for the officers to remember when investigating domestic violence incidents. Judge Wendy Lindley and Assistant Marshal Tom Twellman developed the card. The suggestions for the card came from discussions with others and from reminders from Deputy District Attorney Jane Shade regarding taking pictures, etcetera, for prosecution. These cards have been printed courtesy of the Marshal's Department and will eventually be distributed to all law enforcement officers in the county.

Redesigned the Domestic Violence Training Video to Accommodate Segmented Roll-Call Training for Police Officers.

Susan Perdue of Community Service Programs recommended additional training for law enforcement officers regarding domestic violence. Therefore, a training video regarding domestic violence was broken down into short segments so that it can be shown to law enforcement officers throughout the county during briefings, starting in the spring of 1997. The videos have been duplicated courtesy of the Sheriff's Department.

Creation of the First Orange County Family Violence Council Internet Homepage (www.oc.ca.gov/marshal/ocfvc), providing Internet distribution of important information and hot line numbers for victims of domestic violence.

Effective September 6, 1996, the Orange County Family Violence Council got a homepage on the internet (www.oc.ca.gov/marshal/ocfvc). This program provides easily accessible information regarding hot line telephone numbers and other pertinent material regarding domestic violence. Special events and legislative updates can also be placed on the homepage. To date there have been 414 inquiries to this program. This program is the result of the efforts of Assistant Marshal Tom Twellman and Lieutenant Brian Cossairt of the Marshal's Department.

Goals for 1997:

- The emphasis for 1997 will be to provide additional training for law enforcement officers regarding domestic violence.
- Additional training will focus on Emergency Protective Orders as some law enforcement officers are still not aware of the Emergency Protective Order Program. More training is needed as every domestic violence arrest should be followed with an Emergency Protective Order.
- The committee will further explore the expansion of the Emergency Response Team Program. This program is designed to have volunteers available on call around the clock to help counsel people who want to leave an abusive relationship. The goal of this particular program is twofold. First, to make law enforcement officers more effective when they confront the complex problem of domestic violence. Second, to give victims more immediate support when they turn to law enforcement for help.
- The committee will also explore the feasibility of standardizing the TRO and EPO forms, in order to provide greater continuity throughout the county.
- The committee is also attempting to establish a computer system as an investigative tool for domestic violence. Inv. Lori Teves, with the Irvine Police Department, is chairing a committee working on the creation of a county-wide domestic violence database. Discussions with ProAct are continuing regarding the implementation of this program.

SHELTER SERVICES COMMITTEE

1996 Members:

Sgt. Eric Vedborg, Chair
Sandy Condello
Nancy Marquis-Rodriguez
Captain Ron Rowell
Fran Shiffman
Vita Stock
Jan Tyler

SHELTER SERVICES COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1996

- **Provided Domestic Violence Training for the Following Agencies:**

- La Habra Police Department
- Placentia Police Department
- Fullerton Police Department
- Irvine Police Department
- Huntington Beach Police Department
- Westminster Police Department
- Orange County Domestic Violence Investigator's Association

- **Emergency Response Teams have been established and are functioning at the following agencies:**

- Santa Ana Police Department
- Fullerton Police Department
- Irvine Police Department
- Huntington Beach Police Department

- **Representatives from the Shelter Services Committee appeared on The Leeza Show, Orange County Cable Television, and have been featured in various newspaper and magazine articles.**

- **Shelter Services Committee has participated in the following projects:**

- Preparation and Submission of Family Violence Demonstration Program RFP 96-05
- Preparation of Family Violence Council Position of Mandatory Reporting for Health Care Professional
- Preparation for Domestic Violence Court Officer's Workshop with Lenore Walker.

- **Shelter Services Committee has continued to provide support for established Emergency Response Teams in our communities.**

This support has resulted in the delivery of hundreds of intervention hours to the victims of family violence in Orange County.